

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X  
no     

Property Name: Sharptown Main Street Residential District Inventory Number: WI-120  
Address: Main Street City: Sharptown Zip Code:       
County: Wicomico USGS Topographic Map: Sharptown  
Owner:      Is the property being evaluated a district? X yes  
Tax Parcel Number:      Tax Map Number:      Tax Account ID Number:       
Project: Section 106 Agency: DOT/FHWA  
Site visit by MHT staff: X no      yes Name:      Date:       
Is the property is located within a historic district?      yes      no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number:       
NR-listed district      yes Eligible district      yes Name of District:       
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource      yes      no Non-contributing but eligible in another context      yes

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)* Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes      no

Criteria:      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
federal files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Prepared by: Emil Elinsky DOT/FHWA Date Prepared: 06/09/1981

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended       
Criteria:      A      B      C      D Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G      None  
MHT Comments

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Susan Minogue (keeper)

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

June 29, 1981

Date

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

*part of Sharptown Multiple Resource Area  
declared eligible 6/9/81***1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Main Street Residential District

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Middle of 400 block to 727 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Sharptown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Wicomico

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☒ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Various Owners

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Wicomico County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North Division Street

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

101-120

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Main Street Residential District encompasses generally both sides of Main Street from the middle of the 400 block southeast to 727 Main Street at its greatest extent. The area contains 37 structures including mostly late-nineteenth century residences, three former store buildings, and the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (1876). Eight modern intrusions are scattered along both sides of the street among the contributory historic buildings.

The residential buildings are generally two story frame structures of irregular plans, one-story shed roofed porches, and scroll sawn decorative wood trim. The U.T. Gravenor House (photo 8) at 606 Main is the best example in the district of the prevailing residential architecture. Most structures were originally weatherboarded, but now have aluminum or asbestos siding or brick veneer. Typical residential structures are pictured in Photos 12-18.

The three commercial buildings are similar in form to the store buildings in the Main Street Commercial District. The former Twilley's Store (Photo 5) closely resembles Cooper's Store in the Commercial District. The other store buildings (Photo 6) are more warehouse-like in aspect, lacking the large display windows and porch of the Twilley store.

The Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church (Photo 7) was originally covered in weatherboard but was covered in brick veneer during a 1906 renovation. It is a basic rectangular shape with a one bay facade and center entry with gabled hood supported on brackets. The belfry adjoins the north side of the church and has an open bell chamber and conical roof.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1870 - 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Main Street Residential District exemplifies the prosperity of Sharptown in the late nineteenth century in its scale and decorative details, and an accompanying social polarization in the movement away from the busy commercial areas of the wharf at the lower end of Main Street, the shipyard, and ferry traffic.

The architectural details of its residences display the wealth of the owners and the skills of local carpenters, as exemplified by the elaborate brackets of the Knowles House (Photo 9), and the generous proportions of the Ulrich House (Photo 10).

The nineteenth century life of this area centered around the Asbury Methodist Church and the Twilley Store rather than the wharf and shipyard. This section of Sharptown thus reflects burgeoning civic pride and a desire for a more sophisticated town life, stemming from the prosperity of the shipyard and related trade and industry.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis

ORGANIZATION

MHT/SHA Surveyor

DATE

October 8, 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

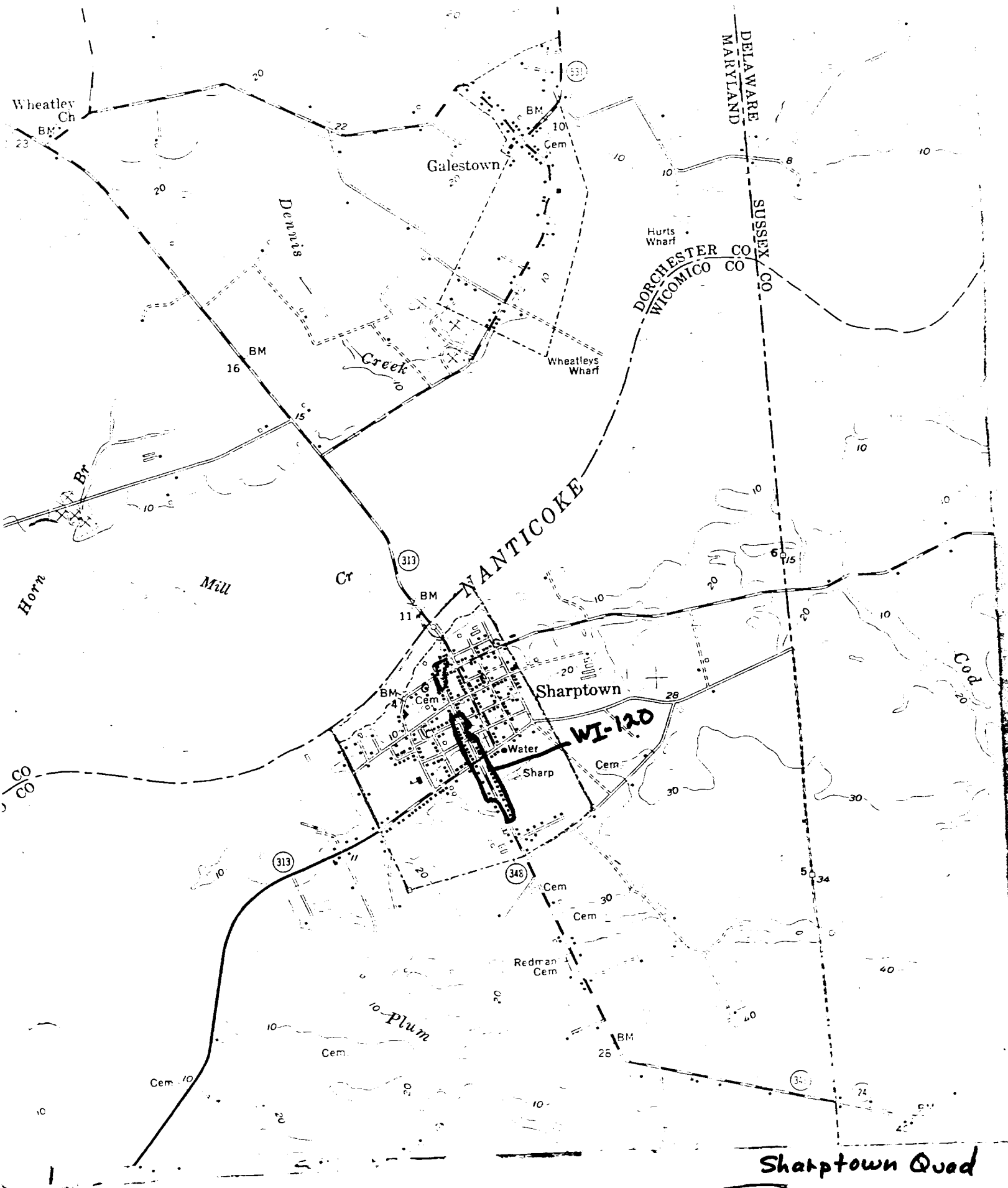
STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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